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CIVIL AVIATION
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AIR SERVICES BETWEEN INDIA AND PAKISTAN
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of flights operating between India and Pakistan at present;

(b) whether an agreement has been signed to increase the number of flights between the two countries;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the final decision likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) At present, Indian Airlines and Pakistan International Airlines are providing 1 and 12 services per week in India-Pakistan sector respectively.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) As per the MoU signed between India and Pakistan during bilateral air services consultations held on 14-15 February, 2008 in Rawalpindi, Pakistan, the capacity entitlements for the designated airlines of each side have been enhanced from 12 flights per week to 28 flights per week, with immediate effect. Also, Islamabad and Chennai have been granted as additional points of call for the designated airlines of India and Pakistan respectively.